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**Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/826,404**  
**For: VALVE ACTUATION SYSTEM WITH VALVE SEATING**  
**CONTROL**  
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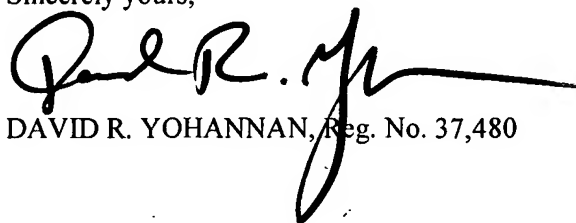
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are the following documents:

- (1) RCE Transmittal Form (1 page);
- (2) Preliminary Amendment (9 pages); and
- (3) Request for One-Month Extension of Time ( 1 page).

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